## **Numanggang language**

**Numanggang** (Manggang) is a language of <u>Papua New Guinea</u>. Other names are Boana, Kai, Ngain, Sugu. Numanggang is preferred over <u>Tok Pisin</u> in the village court because its use is believed to have a calming effect on proceedings.<sup>[1]</sup>

## The letter Q

The letter Q, also known as Q with hook tail, was introduced by Lutheran missionaries in Papua New Guinea for use in the Numanggang language in the 1930s or 1940s. In 2002, it was decided to discontinue using Q with hook tail.

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Numanggang	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	2,300 (2000 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Trans–New Guinea
	■ Finisterre–Huon
	<ul><li>Finisterre</li></ul>
	■ Erap
	<ul><li>Numanggang</li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nop
Glottolog	numa1254 (http://g
	lottolog.org/resou
	rce/languoid/id/nu
	ma1254) <sup>[2]</sup>

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